

I-182 Commonly Asked Questions

1. When is I-182 effective?

Sections 3, 4, 5, 9, and 20 are effective on passage and approval. **What does this mean?** The Canvass Board must proclaim the adoption or rejection of state ballot issues by December 5, 2016 per 13-15-502 and 13-15-507, MCA. This means the effective date will be no later than December 5, 2016.

2. I have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. When can I get a marijuana card?

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) will be allowed as a debilitating medical condition upon passage and approval of the initiative. The physician may not certify PTSD as a debilitating condition prior to the passage and approval of the initiative. The Canvass Board must proclaim the adoption or rejection of state ballot issues by December 5, 2016 per 13-15-502 and 13-15-507, MCA.

3. What is the impact of the clerical error in I-182?

The Department intends to operate under the effective dates in Section 27. Any change to the effective dates will be posted on this website.

4. How soon can a provider serve more than three registered cardholders?

June 30, 2017. The three cardholder limit is in Section 7, 50-46-308 of I-182. This section is not effective until June 30, 2017. Applications and change requests received prior to June 30, 2017 naming a provider (who currently has a maximum of three cardholders) may not be processed until June 30, 2017.

5. When can a cardholder use a provider who already has a maximum of three cardholders?

A provider can serve more than three registered cardholders on June 30, 2017.

6. When can a cardholder or provider begin submitting applications or change requests naming a provider who already has a maximum of three cardholders?

The department processes applications and change requests in order of the date received. Providers may only serve a maximum of three cardholders prior to June 30, 2017.

7. The person a cardholder wants to name as their provider has fewer than the three cardholder maximum. Can the person submit an application naming this provider now?

Yes, as long as a provider has fewer than three registered cardholders and agrees to accept an applicant.

8. I-182 passed. Can I start growing marijuana for additional cardholders November 9, 2016?

No, providers can only have 4 mature plants, 12 seedlings, and 1 ounce of usable marijuana for each registered cardholder who has named the person as the registered cardholder's provider. Providers may only serve a maximum of three cardholders prior to June 30, 2017.

9. Can I become a provider before June 30, 2017?

Yes, you can become a provider at any time.

10. What is the fee to become a provider?

The current fee to become a provider remains at \$50.00.

11. When can a provider open a dispensary?

The provision allowing providers to operate dispensaries becomes effective June 30, 2017. The Department is considering the details for dispensaries and will also need to meet local jurisdiction requirements.

12. When will the Department begin to license testing labs and providers?

The Department is considering the details for licensing provisions. Information will be posted when available.

13. When will the Department begin conducting inspections?

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